



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 742**

LCO No. 5020

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Introduced by:  
(VA )

***AN ACT CONCERNING A VETERANS' HEALTH REGISTRY.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) The Department of  
2       Veterans' Affairs may establish and maintain, within available  
3       resources, a registry of data on members of the armed forces, as  
4       defined in section 27-103 of the general statutes, who have completed a  
5       period of active service. The department may develop surveys for  
6       members or their health care providers to voluntarily provide data  
7       during or after such active service. The surveys and data shall be  
8       collected and maintained in accordance with the requirements of the  
9       federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996  
10      (P.L. 104-191) (HIPAA), as amended from time to time, or regulations  
11      adopted thereunder.

12      (b) The surveys and data shall be related to members' illnesses and  
13      potential correlations to environmental hazards, including, but not  
14      limited to, vaccinations, infections, chemicals, pesticides, microwaves,  
15      depleted uranium, pyridostigmine bromide, and chemical and  
16      biological warfare agents. Within available resources, the department  
17      may use the data in the registry to (1) study the potential short-term

18 and long-term effects of such hazards on such members, and (2)  
19 inform, customize and coordinate the provision of health care services  
20 to such members.

21 (c) No individually identifiable health information may be released  
22 by the department without the consent of the member to whom the  
23 information pertains in accordance with the requirements of the  
24 federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996  
25 (P.L. 104-191) (HIPAA), as amended from time to time, or regulations  
26 adopted thereunder.

27 (d) The surveys and data in the registry shall not be subject to  
28 disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section  
29 1-200 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
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*Joint Favorable C/R*

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